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**CIVIL AVIATION REQUIREMENT**  
**SECTION 7 – FLIGHT CREW STANDARDS**  
**TRAINING AND LICENSING**

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**SUBJECT: PROCEDURES FOR RENEWAL OF EXPIRED PROFESSIONAL PILOT'S LICENCES .**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The advent of new era of aviation in India wherein new airlines, scheduled and non-scheduled, have started operations with large fleet and new types of aircraft, has necessitated induction of large number of pilots with appropriate licenses & ratings. The Government in compliance with Annex 1 to the Chicago Convention has revised Rule 28(A) permitting pilots holding a valid **professional** licence to operate commercial flights till the age of sixty five years with certain conditions. The revised Rule 28A of the Aircraft Rules 1937 reads as follows:

**“Rule 28A. Maximum age limit for professional pilots.-** (1) No person, holding a pilot's licence issued under these rules and having attained the age of sixty-five years, shall act as Pilot-in-Command or Co-pilot of an aircraft engaged in commercial air transport operations.

(2) No person holding a pilot's licence issued under these rules and having attained the age of sixty years, shall act as Pilot-in-Command or Co-pilot of an aircraft engaged in commercial air transport operations unless it is operated in a multi-crew environment and the other pilot is less than sixty years.

*(GSR No. 676(E) dated 17.11.2005 w.e.f. 19.11.2005)”*

With the issue of the above Notification there would be a need for renewal of licences of pilots who have already attained the age of 60 years.

The renewal of pilot licences is done in accordance with the Rule 42 of the Aircraft Rules 1937 as appended below:

**“42. Licences and their renewal -** (1) The licences and ratings mentioned in Rule 38 may be issued or renewed for any period not exceeding the period specified in rule 39C and Schedule II in respect of each licence or rating:

Provided that if, on the date of application for renewal, the licence or rating has expired for the periods specified below, the applicant may be required to qualify in the examinations and skill tests specified against them and such other examinations and tests as the Director-General may consider necessary to assess the applicant's competency to hold that licence or rating :-

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| (a) For a period exceeding 2 years but not exceeding 3 years | Test of skill and Air Regulations   |
| (b) For a period exceeding 3 years.                          | All examinations and tests required for the issue of the licence or rating. |

Provided further that the Director-General may, before the renewal of a licence or a rating, require an applicant to satisfy all or any of the requirements for the issue of licence or rating of the same class, if, in the opinion of the Director-General, the competency of the applicant is below the standard required for the licence or rating.

Provided further that in the case of a pilot or a flight engineer, the Director-General may, when renewing a licence or a rating, delete any type of aircraft entered in the aircraft rating if he is satisfied that the holder of the licence does not have reasonable flying experience or does not possess the required standard of competency on that type of aircraft.”

This Civil Aviation Requirement is issued in order to provide guidance for the renewal of expired professional licences and lays down the requirements and procedures for renewal of such licences.

This CAR is issued under the provisions of Rule 42 and Rule 133A of the Aircraft Rules 1937.

**2. REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWAL OF EXPIRED LICENCES:**

Keeping in consonance with the provisions of the Rule 42, the requirements for renewal of expired licences of pilots shall be as under:

**Period of expiry of licence      Requirements of Training/ Checks**

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| 1. | Not exceeding 6 months                          | (i)<br>(ii)                      | Normal Refresher.<br>3 Route Checks, of which last one shall be with an examiner.   |
| 2. | Exceeding 6 months but not exceeding 12 months. | (i)<br>(ii)                      | Extended refresher.<br>5 Route checks, of which the last two shall be with two different examiners.   |
| 3. | Exceeding 12 months                             | (i)<br>(ii)<br><br>(iii)         | Extended refresher.<br>Complete simulator training profile, as for initial issue of the relevant rating, on Full Flight Simulator of the type of aeroplane to which the application for the renewal of licence relates and which is entered in the aircraft rating of the pilot's licence.<br>5 Route checks, of which the last two shall be with two different examiners.  |
| 4. | Exceeding 24 months but not more than 36 months | (i)<br>(ii)<br>(iii)<br><br>(iv) | Air Regulation test (oral) and test of flying skill.<br>Extended refresher.<br>Complete simulator training profile, as for initial issue of the relevant rating, on Full Flight Simulator of the type of aeroplane to which the application for the renewal of licence relates and which is entered in the aircraft rating of the pilot's licence.<br>5 Route checks, of which the last two shall be with two different examiners before release. |

5. Exceeding three years (36 months)
- (i) All written examinations and tests required for the issue of the licence and ratings.
  - (ii) Extended refresher.
  - (iii) Complete simulator training profile, as for initial issue of the relevant rating, on Full Flight Simulator of the type of aeroplane to which the application for the renewal of licence relates and which is entered in the aircraft rating of the pilot's licence.
  - (iv) 25 hours Command flying under supervision and 5 Route checks, of which the last two shall be with two different examiners, before release.

Note: In case where the Simulators are not available, the actual training/tests on the aircraft under DGCA Examiner shall be considered.

The operator shall ensure that the route check reports, complete in all respects, are submitted to DGCA at the time of submission of documents for renewal of the expired licence. It shall also be ensured that the last route check is carried out within the ten days preceding the date of submission of such application.

**3. PILOTS WHO HAVE ACQUIRED LICENCE ISSUED BY AN ICAO CONTRACTING STATE ON THE BASIS OF INDIAN LICENCES AND FLYING EXPERIENCE:**

Pilots, when regularly flying on a foreign licence, can have their Indian licence, if expired, renewed and endorsed on the type presently flying provided they have Class I Medical, pass Air Regulation test (oral) in the DGCA, carry out IR/LR checks on the Simulator, of the aircraft type, under observation of FOI/ DGCA nominated Examiner provided such type of aircraft is registered in India.

**4. PILOTS OPERATING COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AFTER ATTAINING AGE OF 60 YEARS:**

Pilots who exercise the privileges of their licence after attaining the age of sixty years for operating commercial flights shall ensure that it should be in a multi-crew environment and shall also ensure that while operating as a Pilot-in-Command, the other pilot is less than 60 years of age and have cleared assisted take off and landing phase of training.



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